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AGREED MINUTE OF FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS

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The Four-Power Working Group during its next session which is to begin on April 13 in London should prepare a further report for submission to Governments by approximately April 25.

In preparing such a report, the Working Group should:

1. Consider on the basis of proposals by the German Foreign Minister and the first plan approved by the Working Group in Annex A of its report of March 21 how to develop the plan on German reunification.
2. Continue to consider plans for measures in the field of European security and how such plans should be associated with progress towards reunification.
3. Study the question of linking progress in general disarmament to the proposals on the reunification of Germany, taking into consideration the French Foreign Minister's suggestion that the Western Powers might propose that they would be willing to resume discussions on general disarmament to be linked with various phases of the reunification process.
4. Draw up the general principles to govern a peace treaty and develop further, if practicable, a draft peace treaty (the general principles would be tabled at a conference; whether or not the draft treaty would be tabled would be a matter for further consideration.)
5. Consider whether some proposal on Berlin should be included as an integral part of the Western Powers' general proposal covering the German question as a whole and European security.
6. Examine further possible Western proposals on Berlin should the Soviets refuse to discuss a general settlement of the German problem, taking account of a paper to be provided by the U.K.

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The Working Group should endeavor to reach agreement, insofar as possible, on other outstanding details of the comprehensive plan for reunification, European security, a peace settlement and Berlin to be proposed by the Western Powers at a conference with the Soviets.

The Working Group should also make recommendations to governments on a tactical plan to guide the Western Foreign Ministers during their anticipated conference with the Soviets beginning in Geneva on May 11.

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